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CORN AND POTATO SHOW WAS DECLARED A BIG SUCCESS.

Farmers Handicapped by Weather, But Brought Fifty-One Exhibits and Heard Good Speeches.

Despite unfavorable weather and road conditions the second annual Henderson County Corn and Potato show was a big success last Friday. High authorities on crop and animal growing addressed the farmers, who brought in fifty-one exhibits of corn and potatoes and took away prizes to the value of something over \$50.

The prize winners were:

For Single Ear Corn.

First, R. M. Rogers; second D. P. Rogers; third, A. F. Pace.

For Prolific Corn.

First, W. E. Moss; second, J. T. Greer; third, D. P. Greer.

For Yellow Corn.

E. H. Summey.

Boys Corn Club.

Major McFall.

For Irish Potatoes.

First, J. T. Williams; second, John T. Henderson; third, T. C. Rhodes.

The prizes for the greatest yield, to the acre by a boy in the boys' corn club were not awarded as there were only two exhibits by the boys and the reports had not been made. Only one prize was awarded in the class of corn club boys for the reason that the other boys had not made out reports as required.

Prizes of \$3.50 each were offered for the best exhibits of Irish and sweet potatoes. There were some fine exhibits of Irish and sweet potatoes. There were some fine exhibits of Irish potatoes, but none of sweet, therefore three prizes \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50 were given for Irish potatoes.

The Exhibitors.

J. W. Morgan

D. P. Moss

D. P. Rogers

H. M. Lyda

F. H. Summey

J. T. Williams

T. C. Rhodes, two exhibits

R. M. Rogers

J. T. Steton

Ellis Holden

H. R. Holden

J. J. Freeman

C. C. Freeman

M. W. Freeman

W. E. Moss, four exhibits

Dr. C. Few, two exhibits

W. D. Rymer

A. F. Pace, two exhibits

Pregnall Pace two, exhibits

A. L. McDowell, two exhibits

M. M. Brittain

William Holden

Major McFall

G. C. Summey

P. T. Ward, two exhibits

J. B. Patterson, two exhibits

J. T. Greer

D. P. Greer

M. T. Freeman

Forest Maxwell

J. O. Nix

E. L. Merrell

R. J. Brown

Otis Whitaker

J. B. Guice

A. L. Hooks

R. M. Pryor

John T. Henderson, two exhibits.

A Cannon had some exhibits of corn but he was not competing for prizes.

Mr. Perkins had some fine exhibits of fruit grown on his Henderson county farm.

Meeting Opened.

The meeting was called to order in the court room by Farm Demonstrator E. L. Perkins, who stated that by reason of climatic conditions he was disappointed in the failure of some who had promised to make exhibits, for they could not get to town over the icy roads. Taking the conditions into consideration he was highly encouraged over the number and quality of exhibits, there being fifty-one. Mr. Perkins told the farmers that he had been with them a little more than a

REV. MR. WILLCOX HEADS THE GREATER HENDERSONVILLE CLUB

Officers For 1915 Elected; Many New Members Enrolled; Progressive Movements Endorsed.

The Greater Hendersonville club was reorganized Friday night by a representative and enthusiastic meeting. Rev. R. N. Willcox was unanimously re-elected president of the club, Mayor M. M. Shepherd being elected as vice-president. C. E. Brooks was elected treasurer without opposition.

The board of governors was increased to six, the following being elected: F. S. Wetmur, R. M. Oates, E. W. Ewbank, W. A. Smith, S. Y. Bryson, R. C. Clarke.

For the office of president, no name was put before the meeting except that of Rev. Mr. Willcox, who had served the club in such a satisfactory manner as to make the members feel that he was the proper man for the place.

The new plan of membership was explained and new members enrolled as follows:

Class A, \$24 annually, \$20 in advance.

F. S. Wetmur, Dr. W. H. Vander Linden, S. Y. Bryson. Previous members in this class:

R. M. Oates, Leon St. John, W. A. Smith, K. G. Morris, P. F. Patton, R. C. Clarke, E. G. Stillwell, F. A. Ewbank, Dr. W. F. Nickel, Mutual Printing Co., W. S. Miller, J. W. Bailey.

Class B, \$12 annually, \$10 in advance.

Dr. L. B. Morse, Solicitor Micheal Schenck, Dr. C. Few, W. F. Humphries, Mayor M. M. Shepherd, Rowe & Zimmerman, J. R. Willson, A. D. Brown, Rev. K. W. Cawthon, Tom Shepherd, Carolina Oil & Supply Co., S. Maxwell, & Co., C. A. Stacey, Judge H. G. Ewart.

Previous enrollments in this class:

F. V. Hunter, W. H. Hawkins, J. C. Morrow, Glover T. Orr, E. W. Ewbank, C. N. Wrenshall, Dr. A. C. Tebea, Dr. Mallett, J. E. Shipman.

Class C, \$6 annually, \$5 in advance.

R. P. Andrews, Dr. C. F. Wolfe, R. J. Alderman, J. T. Crane, Charles Rozelle. Previous enrollments in this class:

G. J. Millward, Rev. R. N. Willcox.

Class D, \$3 annually, \$2.50 in advance.

L. H. Sumner.

Dr. C. Few, who had been programmed for a speech, asked that he be permitted to make it at a later meeting.

Farm Demonstration Agitation.

President Willcox stated that the city and county authorities are at times willing to spend money for things which mean progress, but before doing so they desire the sentiment of the people in order that there may be no occasion for just criticism. He said that he had understood that the county commissioners were willing to re-open the matter of the employing of a farm demonstrator for the coming year, but wanted to hear from the farmers to know if they really desired it. He urged that some step be taken by the club for the continuance of this work, saying that it would be a long step backward to stop at this time. After some discussion the farm vote of the club endorsing the farm demonstration work the following committee was appointed to work up interest among the farmers and urge them to attend the meeting of the board of commissioners on the first Monday in January. Sam Y. Bryson, chairman; Dr. C. Few, Brownlow Jackson, F. S. Wetmur, J. Mack Rhodes.

Behind the Health Work.

Dr. L. B. Morse stated that Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health had accepted an invitation to visit Hendersonville on January 1 for the afternoon and night when he would deliver an address on the subject of a whole-time health officer for Henderson county, combining the work of city and county. Dr. Morse said that work along this line was highly important and that the

ST. JAMES RECTORY

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

December 18, 1914.

The Western Carolina Democrat, Hendersonville, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I have just read your issue of the seventeenth and I feel impelled to congratulate you on it. It is without controversy the best and finest issue of any paper ever published in Hendersonville. It contained the news and that is what we want chiefly. But more than that, the articles were all well written and typography was good.

There has been much criticism of Hendersonville papers in the past, that they were political sheets only, almost entirely ignoring the news. That cannot be truthfully said now of the Democrat. Personally, I am not much interested in the subtle and misleading, even the sometimes ingenious, twisting of facts and conditions for political purposes; but I am very much interested in the news of our town and county, in what the people here are doing and planning to do.

The Democrat began the year 1914 well but is steadily improved until in this last issue there is little left to desire. I not only congratulate you but Hendersonville and Henderson county in being the home of such an excellent paper. And furthermore I sincerely thank you because I do want the news, and all the news, and I know now that I may expect to get it in the Democrat.

Sincerely your well-wisher,

R. N. WILLCOX.

FARMERS ARE URGED TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSIONERS JAN. 4

If Sufficient Number of Farmers Request It, the Demonstration Work Will be Continued.

The farmers of Henderson county will appear before the board of county commissioners at the regular monthly meeting on the first Monday in January and endeavor to persuade this body to reconsider its action in withdrawing support at its last meeting from the farm demonstration work.

Mr. Steton Favors It.

Commissioner John T. Steton informs the Democrat that the board will be open for a hearing. Commissioner Steton also informs the Democrat that he personally favors the farm demonstration work, is in hearty sympathy with it and is willing to make a contribution to the work if necessary to have it continued. Commissioner Steton states that the commissioners want to hear from more of the farmers on the subject. Although the farmers' union voted unanimously for the continuance of the work and contributed \$125 in support of it, Commissioner Steton says that the board would feel better about supporting the work if the farmers would appear in a body and express themselves to this effect.

An Efficient Demonstrator.

E. S. Millsaps, district agent of the demonstration work in speaking to the farmers at the corn show last Friday said that there was not a more efficient demonstrator in North Carolina than Demonstrator E. L. Perkins. He said that he had two

time had come when the people were almost demanding it. Dr. Morse was appointed chairman of a committee to work up interest in the meeting.

A secretary for the club will be chosen by the board of governors as soon as a suitable man can be selected.

AUTO BANDIT KILLED.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—Frank G. Hohl, a notorious automobile bandit, was shot to death by policemen here

calls for him last week but would not take him away from Henderson county for the reason that he was acquainted with conditions here and therefore would be worth more to the county than any man who could be secured. Various expressions in regard to this work were made at the corn show on Friday.

Mr. Millsaps said that Mr. Perkins was anxious to return to his farm where he could make more money, but that it was necessary for him to remain in Henderson county and improve its agricultural methods.

City Endorses Work.

The Greater Hendersonville club, which is composed of the most representative citizens of Hendersonville, endorsed the demonstration work Friday night and appointed a committee to arouse the farmers over the importance of attending the meeting of the commissioners and urge upon them the necessity for keeping up this work.

Farmers Should Act.

There are a good many farmers in the county who are anxious to have the work continued and while others favor it they are not exerting themselves in this direction, therefore they are urged to get busy and attend the meeting and persuade their neighbors to attend. If they find that they can't attend it has been thought well for them to address a card or letter to one or more of the commissioners, requesting that they favorably consider the matter.

Unless the farmers make themselves active in this matter it is highly probable that the demonstration work will be discontinued.

today after a sensational three hours of crime which included daylight robberies of two Cincinnati banks, theft of an automobile and a pistol duel, with the police, resulting in wounds to one officer, that are expected to prove fatal. Thirteen thousand and one hundred dollars are missing as the result of the bank robberies. The police believe that Hohl, in his wild automobile drives, managed to pass the money along to confederates.

DR. RANKIN TO VISIT THIS CITY IN MATTER OF HEALTH.

Will Help organize Health Work, and Will Address Meeting on Night of January 1.

Dr. L. B. Morse, who has been quite active in the matter of a whole-time health officer and the organization of health work in the city and county, and who has secured a promise from Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, to address the people of this section on matters of health, has the following to say concerning this important meeting and the importance of the work which it represents:

"For some time past, public sentiment in Henderson county has been rapidly crystallizing for more effective health work in our midst. Experience has definitely proven that health and sanitary conditions in a community show its degree of intelligence and progressiveness. A large and increasing number of people who come to the mountains for recreation or health, are enquiring most particularly as to health conditions. Similarly, home-seekers who are thinking of locating in new sections of country, are demanding that freedom from disease characterize the places which they choose as their homes. These are fundamental and important facts.

"Now Henderson county has for years enjoyed a most deserved reputation for healthfulness. Thousands of people come to our midst every year because of the great God-given benefits. It is a fact, however, that while these natural benefits have been great, we cannot afford to depend upon them alone. As a resort town, more than any other community in the State, should we look to these vitally important matters. What the town and county need most of all, is a well-trained, whole-time health officer and sanitary inspector. It has been amply demonstrated that a man who is in the active practice of medicine, cannot become an efficient health officer. There are several reasons for this: To become a good health officer, it requires all the time that one active man can give to the work; the average practitioner of medicine is too busily engaged in the treatment of disease, to spend the necessary time required to prevent it; lastly, it has been shown that it is altogether impracticable for a man to do health work and sanitary inspection, and engage in private practice at the same time. A health officer must have no axes to grind; but instead, he must hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may.

"A number of counties in North Carolina have adopted the policy of placing whole-time health officers in charge of health work. The results in every instance have been invariably the cutting in two, or more, the death rates in those counties from contagious and preventable diseases. It is with a good deal of pride that we can point to the city of Asheville, as being at the head of the list in point of healthfulness. There is every reason why we can and should become not only as healthful as our sister city to the north, but natural conditions should make us go her one better.

"Now, how can this be brought about? How can we attain this great benefit? It can be done by the establishment of an efficient County Board of Health, with a whole-time, decently-paid health officer and sanitary inspector as its executive officer, whose business it will be to enforce the observance of every modern health law, looking toward the eradication of preventable disease. This is the program—do the people of Henderson county want it? It is something that we must have, if we are to maintain a moral right to advertise ourselves before the world as a health resort.

"To the attainment of this end, there have been held recently several meetings of the Board of Health, together with the commissioners of the town and county, but as there are a number of obstacles to overcome, and as the matter of organization is rather a

HENDERSONVILLE CHURCHES TO HOLD XMAS EXERCISES.

Interesting Program Arranged for Different Denominations For Wednesday and Friday.

The churches of Hendersonville are preparing interesting Christmas programs. The Methodist church and Sunday school will hold their exercises on Wednesday night of this week; the two Baptist churches will hold their exercises on Thursday night, the program of the Episcopal church will be rendered at various hours of the day and mass will be held at the Catholic church at 8:15 in the morning. Arrangements are being made for sacred concert at the Presbyterian church on Sunday night.

At the Catholic Church.

The exercises at the Catholic church will consist of mass at 8:15 o'clock Christmas morning.

At the Episcopal Church.

Rev. R. N. Willcox furnishes the Democrat with the following program for the Episcopal church on Christmas day:

Holy communion at 8 a. m., Matins sermon and Eucharist at 11 a. m., Christmas tree at Pine Grove Lodge at 4 p. m., and the evensong at 4:30 in the afternoon.

At East Baptist Church.

Rev. George F. Wright furnishes the Democrat with the following program to be rendered on Thursday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow.

Invocation prayer, Rev. A. I. Justice. Song, Coronation (Congregation Singing.)

Scripture reading, selected passage A. E. Bryson.

Welcome address, Sup't. of S. S., C. S. Fullbright.

Recitation, Christmas is Coming Ella J. Connor.

Reading, While the Christmas Tree are Laden, Lillian Guy.

Song, The Children's Friend is Jesus, Continued on Editorial Page.)

technical and special one, it was thought advisable if possible, to enlist the services of Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health, to aid us in this matter. It is with a good deal of pride that we can now say that definite arrangements have been made with Dr. Rankin, whereby he is to be in Hendersonville on January 1, 1915. He comes here specifically without cost, to aid the people of Henderson county in a sincere effort to bring about more healthful conditions within our midst. This sort of work, indeed, is exactly the kind that this great state health organizer is constantly doing for the people of North Carolina. Dr. Rankin as a health officer, stands pre-eminently one of the foremost men in disease prevention, not only in the South, but in the United States.

"There will be on New Year's night a mass meeting of the people of Henderson county at the court house. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a packed house, composed of not only the people of the town, but likewise a large number of those from the country; because, indeed, the country people are just as much in need of modern disease prevention, as are those who live in towns and cities. Dr. Rankin is a man of great force and enthusiasm in his special work, and he comes here to give us a speech on these vital matters.

"On the afternoon of that day, January 1st, at 1:30, clock there will be a combined meeting of the Board of county commissioners the city council, and the board of health, when Dr. Rankin will be present, and at which time he will assist in every way the proper organization of this most important campaign for better health.

"Let us hope that there will be a very large attendance at the mass meeting on the night of January 1st to show the very great interest which it is believed the people of our community really feel in this movement."